Scheduled Caste Doctors in N.E. Railway

1230. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of permanent and temporary M.B.B.S. Doctors working in the N.E. Railway at present and how many of them belong to Scheduled Caste category;

(b) whether it is a fact that according to the reservation rules in the N.E. Railway, there are less number of M.B.B.S. Doctors belonging to scheduled caste category;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to meet that gap; and

(d) whether any official has been held responsible in this railway zone for not maintaining the strength of M.B.B.S. doctors belonging to scheduled caste category since 1980; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There are at present 132 regular|permanent Assistant Divisional Medical Officers and 21 ad-hoc Assistant Medical Officers on North Eastern Railway out of which 13 and 1 respectively belong to Scheduled Caste category;

(b) and (c) The recruitment of regular Assistant Divisional Medical Officers is done on All-India basis through the Union Public Service Commission and the reservation quotas for this are according ly indented. For ad-hoc Doctors, (appointed for short periods pending availability of regular Doctors from Union Public Service Commission) recruitment is done at the Zonal Railway's level by the General Managers concerned. They make efforts to recruit Doctors in terms of the reservation rules, but filling up of quotas is dependent on the availability of eligible Scheduled Caste|Scheduled Tribes candidates.

(d) Does not arise.

Protection of Monuments of Lord Rama at Chitrakoot

12131. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: the steps taken or proposed to be taken to protect the monuments of Lord Rama at Chitrakoot?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): According to the Gazetteer of Banda District (in which Chitrakoot is situated) 1909 there are some well built temples of solid masonry and stone work round the Chitrakoot hill but none of any antiquity or architectural merit. While the site itself is undoubtedly one of antiquity, it has been observed during exploration in 1980-81 that most of the temples and the old township of Chitrakoot are situated over the ancient habitation. The temples are largely under the private management of a number of Mahants. Thus at the moment, there is no monument in Chitrakoot under Central protection, nor are any steps proposed to be taken in this regard.

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1232. **श्री सोहन लाल धूसिया** : क्या **रेल** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करें कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेल विभाग में अपने आरक्षित पदों की तुलना में अनुसूचित जातियों के कार्यरत एम०बी०बी०एस० डाक्टरों की संख्या अपर्याप्त है ; यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार अनुसूचित जातियों के एम० बी० बी० एस० डाक्टरों के लिए हर तीसरे महीने विशेष भर्ती करके इनके आरक्षित कोटे के रिक्त पद भरने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माध व राव सिंधिया) : (क) रेलवे में चिकित्सकों

की भर्ती संघ लोक सेवा आयोग के माध्यम से की जाती है और अनुसूचित जाति समुदाय के चिकित्सकों के लिए निर्धारित आरक्षण कोटे के अनुसार ही मांग पत्र भेजे जाते हैं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Linking of Akaltura-Bhatapara by rail

1233. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals to link Akaltura in Bilaspur district with Bhatapara in Madhya Pradesh by rail connecting Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and various cements factories in that region;

(b) if so, what action has been taken on these proposals;

(c) whether Government have directed the factory owners to construct their own railway siding and whether the factory owners have complied these directions; and

(d) by when this rail link is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Demands were received for construction of rail line from Akaltura to Bhatapara to serve 2 major cement plants in the area.

(b) to (d) So far, 2 separate sidings to serve the 2 cements plants (Akaltara and Bhatapara) have been constructed on deposit terms. There is no sanctioned scheme at present for any further lines in the area. A survey is, however, in progress for line capacity works including alternative railway alignment connecting Jharsuguda|Champa with Raipur|Durg.

Conversion of Parasia-Chhindwara Rail line

1234. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh had sent a proposal to the Railway Ministry in 1981 for the conversion of Parasia-Chhindwara rail line into broad-gauge;

(b) if so, what decision has been taken on this proposal; and

(c) whether Government propose to give priority to this rail link as it passes through the backward and hilly tribal belt of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) A survey for conversion of Parasia-Chhindwara N. G. line into B.G. was carried out in 1981-82. The project was found to be financially unremunerative and could not be considered due to constraint of resources.

Anomalies in pay of N.D.M.C. school teachers

1235 SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teachers in the general category in the NDMC Schools have been made junior to the teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes on the grant of selection grade to them;

(b) whether as a result thereof, the junior teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes are getting more pay than the senior teachers of the general category;

(c) whether it is a fact that as per Government's rules a junior Officer can not get more pay than a senior officer; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to provide relief to senior teachers by raising their salaries?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) There is reservation for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates for grant of